

Descriptions of 3 Artisan Workshops 2026 Original Gullah Festival

Workshop: Woodworking Handcrafted Elegant Box
Facilitator: Hank D. Herring

This is a unique, hands-on woodworking experience. Create a custom small box! The workshop is perfect for beginners and hobbyists. Learn the art of woodwork using a scroll saw.

Objectives/ Participants will assemble and design a wooden box
Hands on Participants will learn finishing techniques
Experience Participants will use the scroll saw and be introduced to other woodworking tools

Demo: Watch a demonstration of the scroll saw creating intricate designs and precise cuts

Takeaway: Each participant keeps their handcrafted, elegant box, a unique Gullah Festival Souvenir, and new skills and confidence to start self-woodworking projects

No prior experience necessary. Safety gear provided.
Reserve your spot and anticipate the thrill of your creation.

Workshop Schedule:
Fri. May 22: 11 am-12:30 pm
Sun. May 24: 2:30 pm-4 pm

Workshop: Raw Grains and Rice Farming
Facilitator: Artisans Rollen and Frances Chalmers

This workshop illuminates the vital role and connection of the Gullah people and Rice Farming during the American Revolution, between 1770 and 1773. The Artisan leader will present valuable information on this historic era, focusing on the history of planting, growing, and milling heritage rice and other heritage crops. Learn how rice farming stemmed from enslaved West Africans, whose agricultural expertise in cultivation, tidal irrigation, and processing, created the Lowcountry's Rice Kingdom. Learn about heritage and Heirloom crops, such as Carolina Gold Rice, Charleston Gold Rice, Rice Grits, Yellow Guinea Flint Corn Grits, Sea Island Red Peas, and more...

Friday, May 22, workshops are geared towards elementary and secondary students.
Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24, workshops are geared to the general public.

Workshop Schedule: Workshop #1 Workshop #2
Fri/Sat. May 22 & 23: 11 am-12:30 pm 1 pm-2:30 pm

Sun. May 24:
3:30 pm-5 pm

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Workshop: Gullah Blacksmithing
Facilitator: Julian Williams

In this hands-on, 2-hour workshop, participants are introduced to the rich history of Gullah ironwork. Participants will experience a live demonstration of how a C-Scroll is forged and transformed into a timeless heart-shaped design. Guided by professional blacksmiths, participants will have the opportunity to step up to the forge.

Participants will learn blacksmithing techniques
Participants will learn to safely use traditional blacksmithing tools, supported by a custom jig
Participants will create and transform a piece of iron into their own authentic, heart-shaped, decorative piece

This beginner-friendly experience offers an engaging, immersive environment of learning, creating, and walking away with a personalized, self-made piece of ironwork.

Workshop Schedule:

	<u>Workshop #1</u>	<u>Workshop #2</u>
Fri/Sat. May 22 & 23:	12:45-2:45 pm	3:15-5:15 pm
	Sun. May 24: 3:30 pm-5:30 pm	